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SUMMARY

1. GOP MINISTER OF FISHERIES GENERAL TANTALEAN IN PUBLIC STATEMENT OCT 24 PRESENTED FURTHER DATA REGARDING PROGRESS PERU MAKING TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT OF DEEP-SEA TUNA FLEET REPORTED REFTELS. FIGURES VARY SOMEWHAT FROM EARLIER REPORTS, BUT DO INDICATE THAT PERU INTENDS LAUNCH DEEP-SEA OPERATIONS IN NEAR FUTURE. END SUMMARY.

2. TANTALEAN SAID PERU, IN ORDER ESTABLISH TUNA FLEET, HAS FOLLOWING PLANS: (A) THREE TUNA BOATS OF 1000 TONS ARE PRESENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN ENGLAND (ORIGINAL REPORTS INDICATED FIVE INSTEAD OF THREE); (B) THREE BOATS OF

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300 TONS EACH UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN PERU WHICH WILL BE

LAUNCHED IN DECEMBER (BEING CONSTRUCTED AT PICA BOAT-YARD IN CHIMBOTE); (C) ANOTHER FISHING BOAT OF UNDETERMINED CAPACITY IS ALREADY OPERATING FOR PERU (THIS IS UNDOUBTEDLY REFERENCE TO 1100-TON CLIPPER UNDER CONTRACT FROM PERUTO RICAN FIRM). IN THIS CONTEXT, MINISTRY ALSO PRAISED TUNA TECHNOLOGY WHICH PERU RECEIVING FROM THE U.S. WHICH HE CALLED "THE MOST ADVANCED IN THE WORLD." (D) MINISTRY ALSO SAID THAT A REFRIGERATION BOAT OF 5000 TONS AND ONE OTHER BOAT DESTINED FOR TUNA, BONITO, AND CRAB FISHING WILL BE SOLD TO PERU WITHOUT INDICATING FURTHER DETAILS.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES PRAISE FOR TECHNOLOGY OF US TUNA INDSUTRY IS INDIRECT REFERENCE TO VAN CAMP AGREEMENT WITH GOP TO ACT AS SOLE DISTRIBUTOR FOR TUNA CAUGHT IN PERUVIAN WATERS. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT WITH TUNA-FLEET NEAR ACTUAL OPERATIONAL STAGE, LITTLE IF ANY TIME REMAINS FOR U.S. FISHING INTERESTS, OTHER THAN STAR KIST AND VAN CAMP, TO GAIN ENTRANCE TO POTENTIAL PERUVIAN TUNA MARKET (SEE LIMA 4287, LIMA 311).

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